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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 1421

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PERP PGOV PINT HU UR
SUBJECT: APRIL 4 EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS BETWEEN HUNGARIAN AND
SOVIET LEADERSHIP

1. ON OCCASION OF HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DAY, LEADERS OF CPSU
AND RUSSIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON BEHALF OF SOVIET PEOPLE
SENT GREETINGS TO LEADERS OF HSWP, HUNGARIAN COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS AND HUNGARIAN PEOPLE WHICH WERE RECIPROCATED BY
LATTER.

2. IN COMPARING TWO MESSAGES (TEXTS BEING POUCHED DEPART-
MENT) EMBASSY NOTES SEVERAL INTERESTING DIFFERENCES. THE
SOVIET MESSAGE ASSERTS THAT HUNGARIAN VIEWS ON CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW SOCIETY ARE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE SOVIET
UNION. THE HUNGARIANS INSTEAD NOTE THAT THE INDISPENSABLE
SOURCE AND MAIN GUARANTEE OF HUNGARY'S ACTIVITIES TO
DEVELOP ITS COUNTRY IS FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH
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THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET LEADERS DID NOT MENTION
CSCE BUT HUNGARIANS DID. FINALLY, THE SOVIET LEADERS
REFERRED TO HUNGARY'S TAKING PART IN THE REALIZATION
OF CEMA'S COMPLEX INTEGRATION PLAN WHILE THE HUNGA-
RIANS MERELY NOTED THAT HUNGARY TAKES AN ACTIVE PART
IN CEMA.

3. ABOVE DIFFERENCES ARE FOLDED INTO LENGTHY MESSAGES WHOSE MAIN INTENT IS TO PROCLAIM THE SOLIDARITY AND IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WHICH WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS CONSTITUTING A MOST CORDIAL EXCHANGE.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT REAL DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS IN TWO MESSAGES REFLECT ANY CURRENT TUG OF WAR GOING ON BETWEEN SOVIETS AND HUNGARIANS BUT RATHER ARE EXPRESSIONS OF LONG-STANDING POSITIONS OR DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH.
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